REGIONAL LABOR MARKET AREA 4 SECOND QUARTER 2002 COVERED EMPLOYMENT AND WAGES

Acadia, Evangeline, Iberia, Lafayette St. Landry, St. Martin, St. Mary, Vermilion



The average quarterly employment for RLMA 4 during second quarter 2002 was 244,122, an increase of 1.7% from the first quarter 2002, and a decrease of 0.6% from the same period in 2001. Employment increased in 15 of the 20 NAICS sectors from the first quarter 2002. The largest percentage increase of 16.1% was in arts, entertainment, and recreation.

Average quarterly employment data for second quarter 2002, first quarter 2002, second quarter 2001, and the percent change for the major industry sectors is shown in the table "Average Quarterly Employment" on page 38. Retail trade was the leading industry in RLMA 4 with 32,875 employees, or 13.5% of total employment. Lafayette was the leading parish with 119,882 employees, or 49.1% of total employment.

Total wages increased 0.1% from the same period in 2001, and decreased 0.8% from the first quarter 2002, for an average weekly wage of \$554.46. St. Mary parish had the highest average weekly wage of \$616.62.

Average weekly wage data for each parish in RLMA 4 is listed in the table below. The average weekly wage data for all parishes within each NAICS sector is shown in the table "Regional Labor Market Area 4" beginning on page 41.

Parish	Avg. Wkly. Wage
Acadia	\$ 424.81
Evangeline	451.81
Iberia	539.97
Lafayette	602.57
St. Landry	459.76
St. Martin	397.58
St. Mary	616.62
Vermilion	508.05

The number of reporting units in RLMA 4 for second quarter 2002 was 16,028.

Due to the conversion to NAICS, this data should not be compared to data in publications prior to first quarter 2001.

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